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Gladly now we gather round it,
For the toilsome day is done,
And the gay and solemn twilight
Follows down the golden sun.
Shadows lengthen on the pavement,
Stalk like giants through the gloom,
As, clear past the dusky casement,
Creep around the firelit room.
Draw the curtain, close the shutters,
Face the slippers by the fire;
Though the rude wind loudly mutters,
What care we for wind-sprite's ire?
What care we for outward scanning?
Pickle Fortune's frown or smile?
If around us love is beaming—
Love our human Nile!
North the cutting roof and palace
From the peasant to the king,
All are quaffing from life's chalice
Bubbles that enchantment bring.
Fill me the lips we love the best;
Oh, the joy, the bliss of knowing
There are hearts whereon to rest!
Hearts that throb with eager gladness—
Hearts that echo to our own—
While grim care and haunting sadness
Mingle not in look or tone.
Care may tread the hall at midnight,
Sadness haunt the midnight hour,
But the wicked and witching twilight
Brings the glowing heartbeats down.
After our hollow feelings,
Children, don't well remembered shrines;
Spirit-voices—social revealings,
Wreath immortal round the vines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BLOWN UP.

For many years there was an individual in Boston who was well-known by the name of Tin-Kitchen Willis, and to explain how this name became attached to him is the purpose of this brief sketch. Willis was perhaps no more of a rogue than many of his neighbors, but the cloak of sanctity under which his operations were conducted led to deeper criminality whenever any of his dishonest tricks were exposed.

Our hero was a constant attendant upon all the prayer meetings in the neighborhood, and he never failed to parade his sanctity in and out of season, exhibiting a phase of that sort of religion which dwells upon the face and tongue. In short his devoutness was of that sort referred to by deacon Foster, the colored "gemman" of Joy street, who said the only time he was cheated in buying sausages, was when the butcher, a brother church member, proposed to open the bargain by a brief prayer!

Far be it from us to reflect upon persons who make their convictions a rule of action. It is those who make a cloak of religion who should be held up to scorn. As a rule a clerical gait and a professional meekness are suspicious, and it was this very assumption, on the part of Tin Kitchen Willis, which made him especially obnoxious to his discerning neighbors. His professions and his practices were as far asunder as the north and south poles.

Willis had a moderate income from some source, but no one seemed to know exactly whence it came. He lived with his wife in economical quarters in Curve place, but the couple had no children. He was a famous taster, and would sample more goods in a day than any wholesale merchant in the city. He would go through Quincy market, trying the cheese, butter, apples and fruit of all sorts, until it became a marvel how it is stomach could hold so much. But the fact was it cost nothing and formed the chief part of his daily diet.

Tin-Kitchen Willis never passed a peanut stand without stopping and talking to the vender, while he devoured a handful of nuts in the most careless manner, but he never bought a cent's worth; and so with dates, figs and raisins in the grocery store. In short, "everything was fish that came to his net." He was not a subscriber to any daily newspaper, but somehow he had them all at home by hook or by crook. The fact was, he took a very early morning walk, just after the newspaper carriers had distributed their lists, but he rarely went twice through the same streets.

These little amiable peculiarities, when taken in the aggregate, caused the sanctimonious Mr. Willis to be regarded at last as no better than he should be, and he became of bad odor. Even by the loudest psalm singers he was looked upon askance. His subterfuges were too thin.

"My dear," said Willis one day to his wife, "let us invite your mother and father to dine."

"Very well," said Mrs. W., "I am willing. When shall it be?"

"To-morrow, eh?"

"Why not wait until Christmas? that will only be a week longer."

"Good idea," said Willis, "let it be Christmas Day by all means."

On Christmas Day, therefore, Willis invited his wife's parents to come and dine with them in Curve place, and as his mother-in-law's particular weakness was goose, he supplied himself with a good-sized representative of that species of fowl, and make unusual preparations for a grand, social feast on the occasion. The old couple lived in Salem, and came up in due season to eat a Christmas dinner. As they kept no domestic servant, Willis was obliged to alternate with his wife in entertaining their guests, and attending to affairs in the kitchen.

This detracted a little from the sentiment of the occasion, but Willis was in high spirits, and talked about the interest of the day, its religious and social aspect, and even went so far as to quote some school-book rhymes about Christmas coming but once a year, a fact which even his disputatious mother-in-law could not reasonably deny.

In the mean time, the dinner hour drew near. The smell of the savory meat already permeated the house, tinctured with a faint odor of onions, for goose stuffing without onions would have been a pronounced failure. The mouths of the elderly couple began to water with expectation. They had taken no refreshment since leaving Salem early in the morning, and it was already nearly one o'clock. They had gotten up at 5 o'clock, and were hungry. Willis' choice excited still more by the significant flavor that ascended to the sitting room.

Presently Willis was summoned by his wife to the kitchen, and desired to watch the goose, which was roasting before a wood fire in the good, old-fashioned tin kitchen. It was nearly done, only requiring a "turn or two more," and the wife desired her husband to take her place for a few moments, while she ran up stairs and arranged her dress for the table.

"All right," said the husband.

"Better add one more stick of wood."

"Very well."

"I'll be dressed and down again in just five minutes."

"Well, hurry up," said her husband.

The wife hastened away to add a few trifles to her dress, and make herself a little more presentable before presiding at table. That goose, she felt, would prove a success; she had exerted her best skill upon its preparation, and she knew that it was her mother's favorite dish.

Hark! the clock of the Old South struck one. It was really later than she had supposed.

Hark! again. Good gracious! What was that terrible noise? Why, the floor actually shook under her feet. What a crash! It sounded as though all the glass and crockery in the house had been broken by a shock of earthquake. What could it mean? The old couple rushed into the entry in affright, and the wife ran down stairs towards the kitchen door, being met by a cloud of smoke and half blinded with ashes.

The old couple followed their daughter down stairs, and all entered the kitchen together, trembling with fear and astonishment. They saw Willis just struggling to his feet from the floor at the farthest part of the room from the fire, digging at his eyes, which were full of gravy and ashes, while they perceived that the two windows were blown outward into the yard, and that utter confusion reigned among everything movable. Chairs and tables were turned topsy-turvy and glass and crockery ware could be only detected in particles about the size of a five-cent piece.

"What on earth is the matter?" asked the wife, seizing hold of her half-dazed husband and shaking him.

"I—I—dont know; was it an earthquake?"

"Earthquake!" repeated the wife, contemptuously. "No, you goose. By the way, where is the goose?"

"I—I—don't know. What was the matter?"

"That's just what I want to know," said the wife. "Why, the windows are all smashed, too!"

In the mean time Willis had possessed himself of a towel and was struggling heroically to get his eyes open by clearing them of dish-gravy and ashes, while his clothes presented a most woe-begone appearance; his eyelashes, eyebrows and hair were singed close to his head, and he looked like a freshly-escaped lunatic. Stopping in his efforts to remove the debris from his face, every now and then he looked about him in silent amazement at the destruction of everything.

In a far corner lay the tin kitchen, so out of shape that no one could trace the most distant resemblance to its original form, but as to the goose there was not a piece of it big enough to recognize anywhere. True, big grease spots on the walls and ceiling showed the effect of goose, but the substantial article itself had completely vanished. At this moment the old tom-cat stole cautiously into the room from the yard, with arched back, enormous tail and eyes glaring all about. The hair was singed off one side of the creature, who had evidently been blown through one of the windows.

But how to solve this mystery?

Presently in came the next-door neighbor, Mr. Brett, who wanted to know what that terrible explosion meant that had shaken the whole neighborhood.—There was a queer expression on his face as he made the inquiry. He came in by the back door, for the two yards adjoined and only a low fence separated them.

"Look at that tin kitchen," stammered Willis; "it blew up!"

"The deuce it did," said Brett.

"I never heard of a tin kitchen exploding," said the father-in-law.

"Nor I, either," added his wife.

"Nor I," said Mrs. Willis.

"Nor I," said Mr. Brett. "But, look ye, Willis, if you steal any more of my wood this winter, be careful to take the logs which are not charged with gunpowder!"

The exposed culprit was always called by his neighbors Tin-Kitchen Willis after that serious experience.—*Am. Cabinetmaker.*

The Choice.

A Quaker residing in Paris was waited on by four of his workmen in order to make their compliments, and ask, according to the common custom, for their New Years' gifts. "Well, my friends," said the Quaker, "here are your gifts; choose fifteen francs or this bible." "I dont know how to read," said the first, so I take the fifteen francs." "I can read," said the second, "but I have pressing wants." He took the fifteen francs. The third also made the same choice. He now came to the fourth, a young lad of thirteen or fourteen. The Quaker looked at him with an air of goodness, saying, "Will you too take these three pieces which you may gain at any time by your labor and industry?" "As you say the book is good, I will take it and read from it to my mother," replied the boy. He took the bible, opened it, and found between the leaves a gold piece of forty francs. The others hung down their heads, while the Quaker quietly told them that he was sorry they had not chosen better.

A Zeibeck Dance.

Says a correspondent of the New York Herald in a letter relating some of the peculiarities of these people:

"Taking advantage of the long stay made at Sheitanjik, and, perhaps, with an eye to the piasters of the Ghours, who were their fellow-travelers, the big man with the fringe around his head, and a colossal negro, as black as Erebus, treated us to a Zeibeck dance. A ring, or rather an oval, was made on the platform, and the motley crowd gathered round to see the performance. The fringed dandy seated himself cross-legged against the wall, and unslung from his back an instrument like a small guitar, upon which he commenced a curiously monotonous but well accentuated measure. After a few bars of the melancholy twanging the big negro stepped into the ring and began figuring with his legs, in a slow movement, pointing his toes, planting his heels and snapping his fingers in excellent time. After a few moments of this leg twisting figure, he slowly raised one leg and holding it out horizontally pirouetted on the other in a manner which to us westerns was irresistibly ludicrous, although I failed to detect the slightest semblance of a smile on the faces of the crowd. When the enormous ballerino had finished this *pas seul* at one end of the ring he uttered a "Whoop!" and rushed in a state of great excitement to the other end, the crowd falling back before him; but, suddenly stopping in his charge, he relapsed into the "one, two, three point" business.

As a dance the repetition of these alternate gyrations and charges became monotonous, and apparently "Bones" (we instantly bestowed upon him that familiar and appropriate name, although no doubt he is an Abdullah or an Ali) thought so too, for by way of variety he unsheathed two of his swords and gave us a bit of sword play, continuing his dance without intermission the while. He would cross the swords behind his back, between his legs, and then sticking them, with their naked points downward, into his sash, slowly hop round and round. Whether this was intended to convey to our minds the death agony of a man with two swords in his stomach we could not tell, but to judge from the approving nods which the audience exchanged it evidently was a very remarkable performance. Just as they were recovering from the effect of this figure of the dance Bones uttered his whoop and went down the middle, whirling his swords and making the gravel fly right and left in fine style. This was too much for the crowd at the other end; it broke and fled; many of the onlookers, forgetting the edge of the platform, toppled over, but amid the confusion and laughter, there was Bones, who as before had stopped short in his wild career, calmly chassé-croiseing without a trace of excitement or change of feature.

"The whole scene, although amusing and almost childish, was strangely fascinating, and the shriek of the engine whistle broke in upon it incongruously and startlingly. It recalled us to the utilitarian civilization of the nineteenth century from out of the untutored, picturesque barbarism of the middle ages. The musician slung his guitar behind his back, the big negro put up his swords, and one and all, journalists and Zeibecks, we flocked into the train.

Women's Ages.

Helen of Troy was over forty when she perpetrated the most famous elopment on record, and as the seige of Troy lasted a decade, she must have been quite elderly when the ill fortune of Paris restored her to her husband, who is reported to have received her with unquestioning love and gratitude. Pericles wedded Aspasia when she was thirty-six, and yet afterward, for thirty years or more, held an undiminished reputation for beauty. Cleopatra was past thirty when Antony fell under her spell, which never lessened until her death, nearly ten years after. Levi was thirty-three when she won the heart of Augustus, over whom she maintained her ascendancy to the last. The extraordinary Diane de Poictiers was thirty-six when Henry II. of France (then Duke of Orleans and half her age) became attached to her, and she was held as the first lady and most beautiful woman at court up to the period of the monarch's death and of the accession to power of Catherine of Medicis. Anne of Austria was thirty-eight when she was the handsomest queen of Europe, and when Buckingham and Richelieu were her jealous admirers. Ninon de l'Enclos, the most celebrated wit and beauty of her day, was the idol of three generations of the golden youth of France, and was seventy-two years old when the Abbe de Bernis fell in love with her. A rare combination of culture, talents and personal attractions endowed their possessor seemingly with the gifts of eternal youth. Bianca Capello was thirty-eight when the Grand Duke Francisco of Florence fell captive to her charms, and made her his wife, though he was five years her junior. Louis XIV. wedded Mme. de Maintenon when she was forty-three years of age. Catherine II of Russia was thirty-three when she seized the empire and captivated the dashing young Orloff. Up to the time of her death (at sixty-seven) she seems to have maintained the same bewitching powers, for the lamentations were heartfelt among all those who had ever known her personally. Mlle. Mar, the tragedienne, only attained the zenith of her beauty and power between forty and forty-five, when the loveliness of her hands and arms especially was celebrated throughout Europe. Mme. Recamier was thirty-eight when she was, without dispute, declared to be the most beautiful woman in Europe, which rank she held for fifteen years. —*St. Louis Democrat.*

English Politeness.

One thing which will favorably impress an American toward the English is the universal politeness which is everywhere prevalent. I say in the end, because at first, when a Yankee lands here fresh from the breezy independent style which prevails among our people, he is inclined to fancy that politeness is overdone, and that it is a sham, a something which lies all on the surface. This may be true to a very considerable extent.

When a shopkeeper, after you have purchased tuppence worth of something after you have taken up half an hour of his time, bows you out and says, "Thank you, thank you very much!" and does it all with an air of deferential regard, you cannot help feeling that this volume of thanks comes from no deeper source than his lips; you may suspect the motive and rather despise the manner of giving it expression, and yet you cannot but like and be soothed by the flattery involved in the whole transaction.

"Have you any good smoking tobacco?" I asked an old lady, who stood behind the counter of a tobacco shop.

"Thank you, sir! Yes, sir; 'ere is some, tenpence the bounce, sir!"

I examined it, smelled it, and concluded I didn't want it.

"No, I believe not. It's not just what I want."

"Thank you, sir! Good morning, sir! Thank you!"

This is not an uncommon case. The red-skirted bootblack touches his cap as you approach, and he thanks you and touches his cap as you give him a penny for his labor; or, if you decline to patronize him, he is very apt to touch his cap with his dirty fore-finger, and say "Thank you, sir," all the same.

The barber who shaves you says "Thank you" when you turn your face over so that he can shave on the opposite cheek; the calman, the bus conducter, the bridge tender, everyone to whom you pay money, always receives it with a pleasant acknowledgement. It may be that you know that in every one of the cases not one is animated by any true spirit of politeness; and that while thanking you with his lips he may, in his heart, regard you as a nuisance, a barbarian, or anything else unpleasant—nevertheless, the politeness is there. It is agreeable, and it commends itself as far superior to the surly independence in use among Americans of the same class.

Prerequisites of Success.

Integrity of character and truth in the inner man are the prerequisites of success in any calling, and especially so in that of the merchant. These are attributes which never fail to command respect and win admiration. No one fails to appreciate them, and if they "do not pay" in the vulgar sense of the phrase, they bring an amount of satisfaction and peace to the owner that all the wealth of Croesus could not yield.

There is no better stock in trade than these principles; no capital goes so far or pays so well, or is so exempt from bankruptcy and loss. When known, they give credit and confidence, and in the hardest of times will honor your paper in bank. They give you an unlimited capital to do business upon, and everybody will endorse your paper, and the general faith of mankind will be your guaranty that you will not fail.—Let every young man, upon commencing business, look well to these indispensable elements of success, and defend them as he would the apple of his eye. If inattentive and reckless here, he will imperil everything. Bankruptcy in character is seldom repaired in an ordinary lifetime. A man may suffer in reputation and recover; not so the man who suffers in character.

Be just and truthful. Let these be the ruling and predominating principles of your life and the reward will be certain, either in the happiness they bring to your own bosom, or the success which will attend upon all your business operations in life, or both.

Spanish Robbers.

A strange story is reported from Spain. A detachment of soldiers recently discovered, in a secluded part of a mountain chain a cavern which was inhabited by robbers, who had taken advantage of the civil war in order to ply their criminal avocations. An alcove was attached to this subterranean dwelling, the door of which the soldiers broke open. They were astonished to find the apartment decently furnished, and provided with books, flowers and even a piano. In an easy-chair sat a venerable old man. The soldiers interrogated him, but obtained only incoherent replies. It has since been ascertained, by the confession of one of the robbers, that the old man was the cashier of a banking firm at Burgos; that they had broken into the bank, stolen the safe and taken the cashier with them, in hopes that he would assist them to open the safe. During their retreat, which was marked with many adventures, the intrepid old man succeeded in evading the vigilance of his guardians for a short time and secreting the safe in a place where he would be able to recover it afterwards. When the booty was missed, and the robbers failed to induce the cashier to reveal to them the place where it was concealed, they revived the proceedings of the famous chauffeurs by torturing their victim in order to extort a confession. But the inflicted tortures had a different effect. The man became mad, and it was with the object of restoring him to reason that the robbers bestowed the utmost attention on him, in hopes that when he recovered his reason he would reveal to them the place where the safe was concealed. —*Continental Gazette.*

Shaker Peculiarities.

Says a correspondent of an exchange who made a visit to one of the Shaker communities of New England:

"I must not forget to mention that the moment we crossed the borders of Shakerdom the signs of material prosperity were abundant. New England is generally thought a thrifty land, but nowhere else did we see stone walls so solid, barns so large, paint so fresh, orchards so fruitful, and "hard times" so far away. There is certainly something pleasant to the casual mind when driving down into one of these snug valleys. No sign of poverty or crime is visible, not even shiftlessness, nothing but perfect order and spotless neatness.

But I have forgotten, what it is strange a woman should forget, their clothes. For the men, I can only say that they bore a general resemblance to the early style of wood-cuts which ornamented the "Rollo Books" and the New England Primer, but as I am more familiar with feminine garments I will venture to be more explicit. Allow me to premise that none of these women resembled Mr. Mantilini's Countess, with the "dem fine outline," but rather the unfortunate Duchess who had "no outline at all." Imagine a gray skirt of some woolen material, scant and short, guiltless of gores or crinoline, attached to a very short waist; over the shoulders, a small, three-cornered white shawl, the hair strained tightly back from the face and covered with a stiff, white cap. Venus herself would be a dowdy in such a dress, and, alas, the sisters were not Venuses! How thankful I felt as I looked at them for the resources of fashion, for the French corsets, and false hair, the ribbons, laces and silks, and all the cunning devices that conceal our defects or heighten our beauties. It struck me, too, as a singular fact that all the Shakers were thin,—most of them attenuated, and I sought in vain for a philosophical explanation; food was abundant; anxiety could have no existence in those placid lives; the ordinary hopes and fears of humanity have no place in a routine as monotonous as the cloister. Why, then, were they not fat and comfortable? I also noticed in their faces that absence of all expression, that woodeness, so to speak, always observable in those whose fate is fixed, whether in the prison-cell, behind the convent "grille," or in this voluntary separation from the grand drama of human life. Oh! how far preferable the losses and gains, the joys and sorrows of our ordinary existance than this dead level of material prosperity.

Running Railway Passengers.

The right to eject passengers from cars for non-payment of fares has been brought before the Supreme Court of Ohio in a case in which the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company was interested. The rates of fare fixed by the company, and which, by its established rules, it was made the duty of the conductor to demand, were higher than those allowed by law. The plaintiff tendered what he claimed to be, and what was ultimately held to be, the legal rates, and upon refusal to pay more was ejected from the car, but without any rudeness or unnecessary violence. It also appeared that the plaintiff, at the time he took passage, knew the established rates, and expected to be ejected from the cars, intending to bring an action for such ejection, in order to test the right of the company to charge the established rates. It was held that the plaintiff was only entitled compensatory damages, and that it was competent for the company, for the purpose of mitigating damages or of preventing the recovery of exemplary damages to give in evidence subsequent declarations of the plaintiff, tending to prove that his object in taking passage on the cars was to make money by bringing suits against the company, for demanding or receiving their established rates of fare. If generally sustained by the courts of all States, this decision will tend to check the operations of litigious persons who seek to derive pecuniary advantages by bringing actions against railroad companies, except in instances where serious personal or pecuniary damages have been sustained. In this case the true remedy would have been a prosecution of the company for violating the law limiting the fare, and not an invitation to further aggression.

A New Kind of Gentleman.

It is a boy that can stay at his post as long as there is any use of his holding it, that is not afraid of threat nor the presence of violence, and keeps his work resolutely in hand so long as there is work to do. This is what is reported of August Doudel, the brave little telegraph operator who was shut up in the Pittsburg telegraph office on Saturday night. He kept on telegraphing, doing his duty, without the slightest regard to the mob surrounding him. They could not drive him away so long as the connecting wires responded to his hand. When at last they fired the building, he quietly, and with a touch of humor, sent his last message. "Fire's too hot. Good night," and got away in time, showing himself to be as sensible as brave. Obedience to order and discipline were never more needed than now, and it is a noble thing to die at one's post, if thereby a trust is kept that saves other lives or keeps destruction or rapine at bay. But to hit it as accurately as this boy has done, to care nothing for the risk of life so long as his magnets worked and he could send intelligent replies over the wires, and then to know when to quit, makes us confess that the modern Casabianca is a great improvement over the old.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

In twelve months railroad cars have been exported to Chili from this country to the value of $171,975.

THE McKEAN MINER.

H. F. Barbour - Editor.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 12, 1878.

A PETITION has been filed in Doylestown in behalf of twenty six petitioners to contest the election for sheriff in Bucks county. The contestant is Levi G. Keller, the Greenback candidate for sheriff in the last election, who received 198 votes. Ely, the Republican candidate, received 7,887, and Scott, the Democratic candidate, received 7,221. Keller claims that the other two candidates were made ineligible by a violation of the election laws. The court granted a rule on Messrs Scott and Ely to answer the petition by January 7, 1879.

IT is a decidedly pretty state of affairs when the United States courts are out of funds and compelled to suspend business on that account. If this is a fair specimen of the much vaunted Democratic economy practiced at Washington—and we judge it is—the less our great and glorious country has of it the better it will be. Judge McKennan has informed several of our city attorneys that the appropriations are nearly exhausted and that they will be allowed a few hours for the trial of several important causes.—This is nothing less than a broad and startling travesty on justice, and the fact that our courts of the highest resort are made to suffer because of the political shuffling of a lot of noisy demagogues.—*False economy* is not true economy, and this sort of saving at the spigot and losing at the bung is very costly and decidedly silly.—Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin.*

The Jury System.

Justice Miller, of the supreme court, lately gave his opinion on the jury system before the state bar association, as follows: "It requires all the veneration which age inspires for this mode (trial by jury) of dispensing justice, and all that eminent men have said of *its* value *in practice*, to prevent our natural reason from revolting against the system, and especially some of its incidents. If a cultivated Oriental were told for the first time that a nation, *which claims to be in advance of all others in its love of justice* and its methods of enforcing it, required as one of its fundamental principles of jurisprudence that every controversy between individuals, and every charge of crime against an offender, should be submitted to twelve men without learning in the law, often without any other learning, and that neither party to the contest could prevail until all the twelve men were of one opinion in his favor, he would certainly be amazed at the proposition. Nor have the European nations differed much with him in their estimate of trial by jury. It has been well understood and received the careful consideration of continental jurists for a great many years without being adopted by any of them, in the form that we have it from England. Many attempts have been made to introduce it in some modified shape, but I think it safe to say that it has not in its essential Anglo-Saxon feature met the approval of any people except those of that race. In the days when kings exercised arbitrary power the jury was among the sturdy, liberty loving Englishmen, a valuable barrier against oppression by the crown. But in this country, where the people are sovereign, the jury is but too often the mere reflection of popular impulse, and the *safety of an innocent man is more frequently* found to depend on the firmness of the judge than the impartiality of the jury. Still, it is probably wise that no man shall be convicted of an infamous crime *until* twelve fair-minded men are convinced of his guilt. I am also forced to admit, however, that even in civil cases my experience as a judge has been much more favorable to jury trials than it was as a practitioner. And I am bound to say that an intelligent and unprejudiced jury, when such can be obtained, who are instructed in the law with such clearness, precision and brevity as will present their duty in bold relief, are rarely mistaken in regard to facts which they are called upon to find."

R. N. & Pa. R. R. Bonds.

The town of Birdsall had a special town meeting on Nov. 23d, and by unanimous vote decided not to pay any more interest on the "pretended" bonds of that town issued in aid of the Rochester, Nunda and Pa. Railroad, but to contest the same. They raised $500 for that purpose, and employed Hon. Hamilton Ward as their attorney. Paul C. Doud, a taxpayer of the town was empowered by *resolution* to commence an action to restrain the Board of Supervisors from laying a tax upon Birdsall this year for paying the annual interest on the alleged bonds.

On the 20th ult., the town of Angelica held a special town meeting, and voted not to pay the bonds of that town, if illegal, and Capt. Robt. Seely, of Angelica, an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and tax payer of the town, sustained by a number of responsible taxpayers, employed Mr. Ward to commence an action against the Board of Supervisors in the name of Capt. Seely as a taxpayer, to restrain the Board from laying tax on Angelica for payment of interest on the alleged illegal bonds of that town. On the 26th of last month, Mr. Ward presented the papers in both cases to Judge Barker at Buffalo, who issued injunctions restraining the Board in both cases from imposing the tax, which injunctions were duly served on Washington Moses, Clerk of the Board, on Monday last.

We learn that Judge Barker's decision, in the case of Wilson vs. The Town of Carrollton, in which he held the Canadea bonds void, and which was appealed to the General Term, of the Supreme Court, has been affirmed and sustained by the General Term, that high tribunal also holding the bonds void. We accordingly feel that the same defect exists in the case of both the Angelica and Birdsall bonds, which must afford great encouragement to the tax-payers of those tax-ridden towns, and would seem to justify the action they have taken. As no railroad was ever built through those towns and the stock of the company is worthless, if the towns were never legally bonded, this effort to obtain relief would seem to be justified, and in no sense repudiation.—*Wellsville Reporter.*

The Northern Oil Field.

The Titusville *Herald* declares that speculators are gradually veering round to the opinion that the northern oil field is nearly all that the world has to depend on in the year 1879. It is the only visible source of new supply, and although excessively high prices may stimulate development in other localities, the chances are not in favor of striking any other very prolific territory. The southern extension of the Bullion-Ran belt on the Vanderlin farm seemed when the Phillips well was struck to have opened a new and large area of territory. The favorite belt theory of Mr. Phillips seemed to have been confirmed in fact. The 1000, barrel spouter alarmed the trade and everybody believed that the price of crude would go to fifty cents, and the enormous short interest was almost unprecedented. The market did not go down as expected, and the well kept rapidly declining. Suddenly a bull movement was inaugurated, the shorts became alarmed, there was a corner in certificates, everybody rushed into the corner and the price advanced from 80c. per barrel to $1.15 per barrel at Parker. The well which caused all this fuss was doing Friday 180 barrels per day, and the new Phillips well, *on this territory, two bits* in the sand, Friday morning was reported to be "n. g." or in other words a failure. Some people hope that the oil may yet flow at the bottom of the sand as is often the case *in this territory, but experts claim* that such a contingency is hardly probable.—Old Crawford No. 10 is doing fifty barrels, and Crawford No. 7 thirty barrels per day. In fact, this territory is almost exhausted and there is little if any hope for it in the future, as it is now being pumped from the dregs. Butler county is also on its last legs, so far as producing is concerned, and it is asserted upon the most reliable authority that the oil passing through the pipe lines is simply "tank bottoms." The speculator therefore looks forward to the year 1879 with the fond belief in an upward reaction in values.—In fact it is claimed that the world will take every drop of oil which the Pennsylvania oil religion is capable of producing *for the next twelve months*, and perhaps demand a very considerable portion of the already depleted stocks. Notwithstanding all this the price may yet drop very considerably before the reaction commences.

Butler Getting Up a New Party.

The friends of General Butler credit him with an intention of organizing a new Democratic party which shall be made "the especial champion of human rights."

The friends of Butler say that he has a very strong hold upon a large class of people in this country, and that he can, if he choose, make the Democracy great trouble in the near future. This is demonstrated, in the opinion of those who believe in the ascendancy of his star, by the enormous vote he received in Massachusetts last month, and the difficulty the old parties had in beating him in that campaign.

There is no telling but that General Butler may yet place himself at the head of the Democracy of the country, as he took the lead of that of the old Bay State last September; that he may capture the Democratic National Convention in 1880 as he did that at Worcester, and may become the candidate of the malcontents, inflationists and repudiationists. He can hardly hope to carry the South, but there is no telling what the South may do, or what candidates it may not take up in its struggle to get into possession of the National Administration.

Two Good Anecdotes by the Vice-President.

E. T. Smalley's Washington Letter to the Cleveland Herald.

Here are two good anecdotes told by Vice President Wheeler to-day, to a single listener while taking lunch in his parlor at the Capitol. The Vice President had been saying that he felt the moss growing on him since his inauguration, and that he fretted a good deal under the enforced idleness of his position. To show how little real power and responsibility attach to the official whom Franklin proposed should be called "His Most Superfluous Highness," he told this this story of Hamlin: "When Hamlin was Vice President, he used to say the office was the meanest one in the country. He was dozing in his chair in the Senate one day when I came over from the House and asked him jokingly if he could think of anything that would make his happiness complete. 'Yes,' he replied, 'if I could have a bowl of sweet baked apples and milk I should be perfectly happy.' I told him that was my favorite lunch, and went to the restaurant together. While we were eating Hamlin said: 'Wheeler, to show you what a no-account office this Vice Presidency is, let me tell you what happened to me shortly after I was elected to it. An *old friend*, living in my county, wrote me that he would like to be postmaster in his town. The office paid a salary of just $25 a year. Well, I went to the Postmaster-General and he referred me to the First Assistant, who hemmed and hawed awhile and then said, 'The fact is, Mr. Vice President, the Congressman from that district has recommended another man for this post office. He represents the people now, and you—why—ah—you don't represent anybody in particular.' So I found the Vice-President of the United States had not influence enough to get a man appointed to a $25 post office.' To this story Mr. Wheeler added one about himself: "A few weeks after I became Vice President," he said, "I went one Sunday to a church in Washington. The good minister prayed for the President and Cabinet, and for the Senators and members of the House of Representatives, and the Governors of the several States, and finally for the heathen, but made no mention of the Vice President. As I was walking home Sam. Shellabarger came up and took my arm, and said, 'The preacher was rather hard on you to leave you out of his prayer altogether.' 'Yes,' I replied, 'it struck me that he was; he put me down below the heathen as not worth praying for at all.' After a while I got over fretting about my uselessness in the government machine, although I always appear to myself somewhat like contingent a remainder or an administrator *de bonis non.*"

HALE now has his eye on the next Governorship of Maine, and beyond that he thinks he sees darkly the retreating form of Hannibal Hamlin.

PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

HORATIO SEYMOUR is sixty-eight.

IT IS reported that Curtin will contest the election of Yocum.

GOOD advice is like brown bread. It is wholesome but not always welcome.

IT IS said that Dean Stanley writes a worse hand than Horace Greeley. He can't.

GENERAL GRANT has concluded to visit Asia before returning to the United States.

A. H. STEPHENS weighs 92 pounds, and his body servant is said to have more money than his master.

GENERAL KEY says the Postal Car Service will be discontinued next month unless Congress is willing to pay for it.

SENATOR BRUCE is described as a well-appearing man; his complexion is coffee-colored; his hair is carefully brushed; it is not straight, but has the curl characteristic of his race. He dresses remarkably well, not foppishly. He is an unusually intelligent looking man for his race, is modest and unassuming, and never participates in the debates unless they in some way affect the interest of his State. His wife is slender, shapely woman. Her complection is thoroughly Andalusian. She has delicate, high-bred features, singularly full of repose, and a manner and bearing eminently refined; her eyes are large, and have the tender expression so specially the peculiarity of the Moorish women. She is highly educated, and has many intellectual resources. It is rumored that Mrs. Hayes will invite Mrs. Bruce to receive with her on New Year's Day.

THE Washington correspondents have already begun to photograph distinguished statesmen. "Blaine," says one of them, "looks older. His hair, profuse in quantity and as white as snow, quite softens the hard lines in his handsome face. He is tall and portly, and his dark eyes flash the fire of ambition kindled in his heart. He dresses well, but does not by any means affect the style so characteristic of Senator Burnside. As I watched him yesterday I comprehended fully the reason why Senator Blaine so favorably impresses all with whom he is brought in direct communication. He has a hearty, generous way, a way more Western than Eastern, and a way conveying the idea that he is sincerely your friend. When we noted him he was in cheerful conversation with Senators Edmunds and Morrill, and I thought nowhere could we find finer types of New England manhood."

POLITICAL NOTES.

THE "Ohio idea" is to get all the offices you can, and hold on to all you can get. That idea is not, however, confined to Ohio.

THE cold, chilling winds of December sigh over the fresh graves of more than forty Greenback newspapers.—*Washington Post.*

THE Democrats will no longer contest Resumption. Their motto this month will be: "Hands off, and let's see how the darned thing works."

THE Forty-fifth Congress will have just sixty-six days to wrangle over a number of matters. That is, of course, counting out Sundays and holidays.

IF Conkling could only get Grant to take that Bulgarian throne, with how much more hope and confidence he would look upon an entrance to the White House!

THE Washington correspondent of the *Indianapolis Journal* says there is a good deal of quiet talk about Hayes's renomination in 1880, and some Republicans are saying that as he has already been a necessity for the party so he is likely to be again. These enthusiastic persons, whoever they may be, should *not forget* that the President is pledged to a single term.

THERE are many indications that the long contemplated change in the management of the Buffalo Custom-house will be made before the close of the present Congressional session. Collector Tyler will doubtless be superseded. Among those prominently mentioned are the Hon. Jas. O. Putnam, Captain Wm. J. Morgan and Mr. Rodney Daniels, ex-Collector.

IT IS pretty clear that if the South is to be kept at its present point of solidity, the tissue ballot must come into general use at elections hereafter. The negroes of South Carolina show that the red-shirt business has ceased to carry the requisite amount of terror with it to keep them from the polls. This is likely to happen in other Southern States, and when it does the only way to keep up the work of "redemption" will be to stuff the ballot-boxes. If the negro can't be scared away he must be counted out.—*New York Tribune.*

THERE is great doubt that Gen. Banks will be appointed Marshal in Massachusetts, although his luck is beyond all calculation. At the time of the purchase of Alaska, Banks was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and presented a report of great ability on the subject. As he was passing Thad Stevens one day the latter accosted him with, "Banks, there are more brains in that report than there are in two-thirds of this House." Banks bowed and thanked Stevens, but passed out of hearing before the latter finished his sentence, *soto voce*, "and I'd bed—d glad to know who wrote it."—*Wash. Corr. Phila. Times.*

Ammonia in the Household.

The pantry shelves are getting grimy, or fingermarks around the door latches and knobs are looking dark and unsightly. For lack of time they are left day after day, for it is hard work to scour all the time, and it wears off the paint, too.—Now suppose the wife has her bottle of spirits of ammonia to use; she takes a basin of water and a clean cloth, just puts on a few drops of the fluid, and wipes off all the dirt; it is worth more than a half day's labor, and does not hurt the paint, either. She could put a few drops in her dishwater, and see how easily the dishes could be cleaned: a few drops on a sponge would clean all the windows in the sitting room, making them shine like crystal. It would take the stains off the tea-spoons, and a teaspoonful in the mop-pail would do more in washing up the kitchen floor than ten pounds of elbow grease applied to the mop-handle. A housewife has just as much right to make her work easy and expeditious as her husband has. If she does not do it the fault is her own in great measure.

Secretary Sherman's Faith in Resumption.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial.

In a conversation with your correspondent Secretary Sherman spoke very hopefully of the financial outlook. He had assurances that the opposition to resumption had ceased on the part of Congress, although well aware that the majority would be quick to throw obstacles in the way if anything could be accomplished. He thought even that the more ultra of the inflationists were ready to help him with the "experiment," as they call it. He thought Congress would grant his few recommendations in behalf of resumption. He could want a few more clerks at the New-York Sub-Treasury to pay out the gold as fast as called for, so there would be no obstacle to fully carrying out the resumption programme. The Secretary does not allow himself to doubt the permanent success of resumption. He is in excellent spirits, and closed the conversation by referring to the encouroging fact that a million and a half of 4 per cents was sold to-day.

GEN. GRANT'S voyage to Asia on the U. S. flagship "Richmond" is expected to keep him away another year and land him in this country about six months before the Republican National Convention meets to nominate the next President.—The General is evidently not at all anxious about his own prospects, but is willing to leave his case entirely with the people.

HON. JERSEY MCGUIRE of Elmira, ex-Speaker of the Assembly and a life-long Democrat, is not willing to let Tilden escape the responsibility for the attempts to buy electors on the "wicked partner" theory. He is satisfied Tilden knew what Smith Weed, Marble and Pelton were doing, because he (McGuire) knew of it himself. McGuire would be a valuable witness for the Potter committee.

THE LOCATION of the middle penitentiary is not fixed at Huntingdon after all. It appears that the people of Huntingdon are required by the commissioners to raise the sum of $8,500 for the purchase of the ground for the building, and they have been so far unable to raise the money. By what authority does the commission make local donations of land or money a condition of obtaining the site? It is a small business for a great state like Pennsylvania to go round begging for contributions for such a purpose. The commission was raised to choose the best site, without regard to anything else, and not to auction it off on the "highest bidder" plan.

The U. S. Signal Service.

Gradually, the wild and ungovernable forces of nature are, through science, made of use to man. Following in the wake of the ingenious inventions for the use of steam and electricity, comes the organization of the U. S. Signal Service. Is it not wonderful that a system could be originated and perfected whereby an operator can accurately predict the weather of a distant locality! And yet experience proves our "storm signals" to be reliable. Equally great are the advances made in the science of medicine.—Step by step uncertainties and doubts have yielded to *absolute certainty*. The discovery of Harvey and Jumer have been succeeded by the Golden Medical Discovery of Dr. R. V. Pierce. No longer need people despair because some physician has pronounced the lungs unsound. Hundreds of *testimonials are on file in* the office of Dr. Pierce from those who had abandoned all hope and had been given up to die by physicians and friends. Incipient consumption, bronchitis, and scrofulous tumors, speedily, surely, and permanently, yield to the healing influences of this Discovery. If the bowels be constipated, use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. For full particulars, see Pierce's Memorandum Book, given away by all druggists.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mrs. J. K. ODELL,

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKER,

Smethport, Pa.

Residence on King St., in H. Herring's house

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Auditor's Notice.

The undersigned auditor, appointed at the adjourned term of the Court of Common Pleas for McKean county, held on the fourth Monday of November, A. D. 1878, to distribute the money in the hands of C. S. King, sheriff of said county, *arising from* the sale of the property of Salo Galliewski, on *Fi. Fa.* No 246, September Term, 1878, gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of G. A. Berry, Esq., Bradford, Pa., on FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m. Notice is hereby given to all persons claiming the proceeds of said sale to be present at above mentioned time and place and present their claims; or be forever debarred from coming in upon said fund.

A. L. KINKEAD, Auditor.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the

Olean, Bradford & Warren Rail Road Company

will be held on the second Monday of January, 1879, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the office of the company in Eldred, Pa., for the purpose of electing a president and directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as *may come before said meeting.*

C. P. CARY, Sec'y.

December 10, 1878.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the **Buffalo, Bradford & Pittsburgh Rail Road Company**

for the election of a President and twelve Directors, will be held at the village of Bradford, McKean county, Pennsylvania, on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1879. The polls will open at one o'clock p. m.

A. B. MACDONOUGH, Secretary.

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Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the **McKean & Buffalo Railroad Company** will be held at the Company's Office, Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1879, at which meeting the election of Directors, for the ensuing year will take place.

G. MACFARLANE, Sec'y.

Penn Yan Mystery.

The New Illustrated Weekly Family Newspaper of Leon and Harriet Lewis, 8 pages containing

Stories. Lady Rohwoode's Daughter, by Mrs. Harriet Lewis; Count of Monte Cristo, by Alex. Dumas. Sir Allen's Enemy, by Leon Lewis, ect. Portrait of Dumas and other Illustrations.

Voyages and Travels. A ride through Islam, Turkey to India. Year in South Africa, by Lady Barker. Six months in the Sandwich Islands. Around the World, by Mrs. Brassey, etc. Illustrated.

Geographical. Vestiges of Atlantis, the Continent that existed 12,000 years ago between Europe and America. The lost anchor of Columbus. Current Explorations, ect. With Map of Atlantis.

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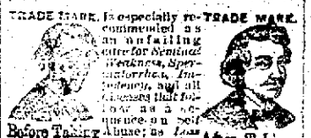

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—The flats about Eldred were so submerged with water yesterday that the afternoon train on the K. & E. road failed to connect with the B. N. Y. & P. train going north.

—Queen Christine, of Sweden, says she loves men, not because they are men, but because they are not women. And we love wom—but let it pass. It is not because they—but never mind.

—The B. N. Y. & P. railroad during its official year just terminated has made a profit of over fifty per cent. on its gross receipts. Its earnings were $839,414 and its expenses $414,419.

—The attention of Stockholders of the McKean, & Buffalo the Olean, Bradford & Warren, and the Buffalo, Bradford & Pittsburg railroads is invited to notices of Stockholders' meetings in this issue.

—The present county officials whose terms expire January 1st have but a few short weeks to serve. They are anxiously awaiting the time when they will be relieved from the responsibilities of their positions—in a horn.

—It will be remembered that Col. Arms delivered an eloquent and "rattling" speech at a Republican mass meeting in this place during the campaign of 1872. He is as eloquent and humorous as ever, and like good wine, improves by age.

—It is suggested that the Sheriff should be indicted for furnishing the prisoners with quilts of such poor quality that they will not hold their weight when attempting to escape. He has no right to endanger their lives. No, he should use hemp. That'll hold them, if the noose is properly arranged.

—Hevenor Bros., of Salamanca, who are the largest advertisers and we should judge the most enterprising merchants in Cattaraugus county, recently put in a "five cent counter" in their store. The number of sales the first day were 755. Here's a hint for some of our dealers.

—Charley, the five-year-old son of Supt. Golden, gave a birth-day party a few days since. A happy crowd of little gentlemen and ladies were present, and their enjoyment was immense. If they only knew they were enjoying at that age their happiest hours! But perhaps if they did know it they would not be so happy.

—A highly perfumed gentleman stopped at the Bennett House a few nights since. He occupied a ground floor room—under the porch—and refusing to pay in bill in the morning was shot, and buried unwept and unhonored. Enterprising grave-robbers are invited to inspect the location of the grave.

—That was a very cunning young married man from Eldred who came all the way to Larrabee to enjoy a stolen interview with a woman whose name was not on his marriage certificate. His wife got on his track, and if reports are true she made it very lively for him. Go rather from home next time, young man—or what is better, don't go at all.

High School Lecture Course.

Prof. Bartholomew, Principal of our High School, has secured a promise from his friend, the eloquent Col. C. J. Arms, of Lancaster, to deliver a course of three lectures for the benefit of the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, at the Court House. The proceeds of the lectures, after paying expenses, will be devoted to the purchase of an organ and some other articles of necessary furniture for the school rooms. The Professor wishes us to state that after paying necessary expenses the balance will be placed in the hands of some responsible person—probably the President of the School Board—for disbursement. The titles of Col. Arms' lectures will be "Boys," "Girls," and "Honor." The price of admission will be but 25 cents, and it is unnecessary to add that the lectures will be worth many times the money, and the Court House should be crowded. We append some of many notices of the Colonel's lectures by the press, which tell a sufficiently flattering story to induce all to hear him if possible:

One of the finest efforts of the kind ever made in this city.—*Pittsburgh Commercial.*

An interesting lecture on "Boys," which delighted those present.—*Williamsport Gazette.*

"Girls" was listened to with lively satisfaction by the large audience in attendance.—*Beurer Times.*

Mr. Arms is one of the most eloquent lecturers in the State, and a great favorite in Emporium.—*Emporium Press.*

His subject was very ably treated. Mr. Arms is a brilliant writer and an eloquent speaker.—*Northeast Sun.*

It was throughout a masterly effort, both as to matter and the manner of delivery.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph.*

A pleasant, easy and graceful speaker; and his lecture, as many expected, was as interesting and instructive as it was humorous and eloquent.—*New Castle Guardian.*

An abstract of the lecture would do no justice to its pleasant diction, its prevalent humor and its happy and bright-witted expression; nor would a full report, unless it also gave the grace and ease which marked its delivery.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

Mr. Arms's theme was "Boys," and while, in subject matter, it was most admirably handled, the pleasing style and easy delivery of the lecturer, who uses neither manuscript nor notes, captivated the audience at a very early period.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

[From Prof. F. A. Allen, of the Mansfield Normal School.]

One of the most popular, as well as one of the most profitable lecturers in the field especially for educational work, is Mr. C. J. Arms. I have listened to him frequently, with pleasure and profit, at our county Teachers' Institutes. His lecture on "Boys" is a rich thing and highly appreciated by every one who hears it. I most heartily commend him to any who want a first-class lecturer.

[Signed] F. A. ALLEN.

The Bradford Exchange Building.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. L. Wheeler, President of the Bradford Oil Exchange, we were recently shown through the new Exchange Building. The workmen were yet engaged in finishing up the interior, but it was sufficiently completed to enable us to form a very correct idea of what it would be when entirely finished. The double doors at the entrance open directly into a wide roomy hall leading to the stairway on the left and further on to the exchange room proper. On the right side, nearly opposite the stairway is the telegraph office. The exchange room is an immense circular apartment with lofty ceilings, sufficiently roomy to accommodate a large herd of petroleum bulls and bears. At one side will be a raised platform for the President, handsomely finished in black walnut, in fact, the room will all be finished in the same wood. On one side is the delivery room and a reception room, on the other the President's room and wash and toilet rooms. The second and third floors are reached by a wide and easy stairway with finely finished black walnut balustrades. These floors are entirely devoted to offices, easily reached from a large hall occupying the centre of the building. The center of this hall is open from the first floor to the ceiling protected by a railing on each floor. The building is as near fire proof as possible. The front is all brick and stone, and there is no wood work about the building with the exception of the inside finish. Mr. Wheeler informed us that the building and the ground on which it stands cost in the neighborhood of $42,000. The stores on the first floor, occupied respectively by Huff Bro's Banking Co., Grant, the merchant tailor, the Oil Well Supply Co., and a drug firm the name of which we did not learn, rent in the aggregate for $6,000 a year. The offices on the second and third floors rent for about the same, some of the more choice rooms renting for $500 a year. Notwithstanding the high rents there is a great excess of applicants. The building will probably be finished ready for occupancy by the holidays, when the association intend to give a grand opening to which they will invite all their friends.

A New Trial.

Parties visiting Smethport during the next two weeks of court are requested to call at Digel's Marble Works and look at samples of his work. He has a large quantity of finished work on hand, and will be on hand personally to receive all callers and give prices and terms, which are now better than ever before. N. B.—His business calling him away from home a great deal of his time, customers are frequently disappointed from not being able to see Mr. Digel personally. He will thus remain at home during the next two weeks, and would like to see all of his friends and patrons. Parties wishing to see him can depend on his being here then.

Holiday Goods.

Worley Gifford, of the firm of Haskill & Gifford, made a trip to the city last week for no other purpose than to select a stock of goods for Holiday presents. The stock is now open for inspection and purchase, and from the great variety offered there should be no difficulty in selecting a pretty gift for your baby, wife or sweetheart. The prices are within the limits of the purse of even a country editor, and you can at least give yourself the pleasure of looking at them, which won't cost you a cent.

Get a Square Meal.

Warm meals will be served at twenty-five cents during the two weeks of court, in the Ford block—for church purposes.

A TERRIBLE FALL.

Two Prisoners Attempt an Escape One Falls a Distance of Thirty Feet And is Seriously Injured.

The occupants of the jail were wakened yesterday (Wednesday) morning about five o'clock by the cries of some one in great distress in the rear of the building. Deputy Peck went outside and there found one of the prisoners named Jack Lynch lying on the ground, helpless and apparently suffering great pain. He was carried inside and with many groans told the story of his mishap.

He and his gal, Tom. Hughes, had dug a passage from their cell by the old route up into the garret. Here they had tied their bedclothes together by which to let themselves down from the garrett window to the ground, a distance of about forty feet. Lynch was the first one to make the trial. He let himself down carefully hand over hand until he had got about eight feet when the rope parted and he fell to the ground, thirty feet below. He struck on his feet, and for a minute did not know he was hurt. He got up and put on his coat and boots, which he had previously thrown down, when all at once fell he to the ground, help less and howling with pain and only too glad to be taken inside again. The shock seemed to have driven him, as one might say, all in a heap, and it is a wonder it did not splinter every bone in his body. He suffered intensely all day yesterday. Large swellings puffed out on his ankles and the lower part of his spine, and he complained of much pain inwardly. He is a heavy man, wighing about two hundred, and one can imagine the momentum he must have attained before he struck the ground. His companion, Hughes, was left in the garret, and though loth to come down finally obeyed the summons of the deputy and made his appearance. Both were hard looking customers, their faces, hair and clothes begrimmed with dirt and covered with plaster.

As we said before, they dug through into the garret by the old route—by digging through the chimney—which has proven by experience to be the easiest and quickest way out of the jail, provided one has no key to the front door. We suppose it would be in order for us to remark in this connection upon the duties of the powers that be as gathered from this occurrence. It can hardly be said that the Sheriff is to be blamed, for he cannot be expected to keep a guard in every cell to keep the prisoners from digging their way into the garret—which it seems can be done easily in six hours. We will leave the public to draw its own conclusions as to whether any one else is to blame, and do its own growling. It is one consolation that Lynch's bad luck will rather discourage other pining jail birds from going out by way of the garret window, unless some one provides them with a strong rope—or unless the sheriff supplies a better quality of quilts.

Obituary.

Mr. Arthur Young died at his residence in Farmers' Valley, Wednesday, December 4, 1878, aged 65 years and 8 months.

The deceased had been suffering from an enlargement of the spleen for the past two years. For many months his recovery was known to be hopeless. He was born in Norwich township, Chenango county, N. Y., in the year 1813. When he was eight years of age his parents removed to this county and settled at the head of Potato creek. In 1830 he settled upon a farm in Farmers Valley where he lived until his death. He was noted in his early days as a hunter, and has probably killed more deer and bear than any other man in the county. He was a hard-working, honest, upright citizen, and leaves a comfortable competence gained solely by the sweat of his brow, what would be called "hard knocks," economy and prudence. He leaves a widow and four sons. He was a staunch and earnest supporter of the Republican party from its foundation, and by his death the MINER loses one of its oldest subscribers and most faithful friends.

Dr. Mary Walker in Trouble.

There was a scene at police headquarters, New York, the other day. As Dr. Mary Walker was walking along Broadway, near Canal street, followed by a curious crowd of boys attracted by her peculiar costume, she was taken in charge by an officer as a female in male attire. Her protests were unavailing. Taken before Superintendent Walling, that official ordered her discharge. The officer was about to explain that she was a woman in male attire, when Dr. Mary Walker said, "How does he know I am a woman?" On being asked for the name, occupation, age and residence, she wrote on a card, "Dr. Mary Walker, American citizen," and further said, "I am old enough to take care of myself." She then proceeded to take steps to make a charge against the officer for arresting her.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

—Even the man who has not gone to church for years and swears like a pirate on the slightest provocation will somehow instinctively quit reading Bob Ingersoll's speeches when a thunder storm comes on. Singular thing is human nature.—*Boston Traveller.*

—The most absent-minded man was not the man who hunted for his pipe when he had it between his teeth, nor the one who threw his hat out of the window and tried to hang his cigar on a peg; no!—but the man who put his umbrella to bed and went and stood behind the door.—*Rochester Express.*

—Talmadge's salary has been raised to twelve thousand a year, and he earns it, too. A man can't afford to pound himself all to pieces and kick the stuffing out of a new pulpit fifty-two times a year for less than that. Talmadge preaches hard. When he wants a rest he saws wood.—*Bridgeport Standard.*

—A bard has written a poem entitled, "The Curse of Empty Hands." But an empty hand is not so bad as two pairs when your opponent has a flush. You would bet and lose on two pairs, but an empty hand would tempt you not. (This paragraph was handed in by a worthy young man, and we don't understand it. It may be a cipher despatch for all we know.)—*Norr. Herald.*

—A sleigh ride to Eldred, with supper and the ice cut out, is talked of when we have any sleighing.

To say that the mud is numerous would lack several degrees of expressing the exact amount on hand.

The new hotel is called the "Hotel De lan" and is a magnificent house.

The new M. E. church will be dedicated Dec. 22d. When completed it will be one of the finest churches in McKean county. The walls are to be frescoed and decorated with elaborate designs. The style is Gothic, with all the modern improvements. The seating capacity is about 450, leaving a large vestibule at the entrance. Eldred is extremely fortunate in having liberal church builders. The members of the Union Sunday School are making preparation for a Christmas tree. A very pleasant time is anticipated. The juvenile members are already looking forward to the occasion with supreme delight.

The building of a Catholic church at this place is contemplated. No doubt efforts will be made at an early day to secure its erection.

It is well known that this is a strictly temperance town, and the citizens are thoroughly imbibed with temperance principles. Still, in the face of all this, there is daily evidence that there is something wrong or else birch beer is "wondrous strong." The dens on Railroad Avenue are the rendezvous where the law is violated and crime fostered. The native temperance zeal seems to be waning.

There are people here who live and do business on Main street and still persist in displaying their weekly washing on the front veranda. This, no doubt, is agreeable and convenient to the parties practicing it, but it waxes exceedingly monotonous to the modest citizens who have these flaunted at half mast in their faces from week to week.

Thieving seems to have become one of the common practices of the day, and is followed up with impunity. Three pairs of gloves were stolen from C. B. Jackson's store Tuesday evening and one of the culprits was "spotted" in the act.

There is to be a social hop on Thursday evening at Jackson's Opera House. It is gotten up under favorable auspices, and no doubt a great amount of mud will be thrown promiscuously around the hall.

A woman who kept a disreputable house on Main street was suddenly cut short in her career and ousted out into the cold and uncharitable world.

Charles Jackson was arrested on Tuesday on a charge of drawing a revolver on a man, while in the store, and threatening to do bodily harm. A trial proved the charge groundless, and he was discharged.

Mr. Solomon, of Bradford, has decided to build on his land fronting Main and Railroad streets, some fine stores and a hotel. This will fill up a large vacancy and add to the appearance of that part of the town. Mr. Solomon, like his predecessor, is very wise and has the money to sustain his wisdom.

Prof. Evans' lectures on Geology are becoming deeply interesting, and those who secured season tickets now consider the money profitably expended.

There was a railroad meeting held in this place on Monday evening to discuss the feasibility and probability of the narrow-gauge railroad from Eldred to Wellsville. The meeting was very earnest and enthusiastic. The expression of the minds of the citizens was solicited by the chair. Quite a number participated in the discussion. Members from the Wellsville committee were present who added new encouragement to the enterprise. After weighing the matter for some time, the committee of this place—consisting of Messrs. Yerdon, Evans, Dennis, Crossman, Bennett, Barden, Anderson, Hicks, and B. E. Cuttler, Civil Engineer,—accompanied by the Wellsville committee, repaired to a private room and there "sot" on it about an hour and a half. When they issued forth from secret conclave not a sylable of information could be elicited from any member. "Mum" seemed to be the word; but judging from the expression of their faces—the infallible index—the road is a foregone conclusion. We have ample reasons to believe that the hoot and a half incubation has actually put in embryo the projected railroad.

— JUNIUS.

THE PIPE LINE COMPANY.—The *Titusville Herald* of Friday morning says that the members of the Tidewater pipe company held a private meeting Thursday at their offices in the Ralston & Harrington block. Among those present were B. D. Benson, chairman; C. D. Benson, John H. Dilks, H. L. Taylor, John Scatterfield, S. S. Avery, D. B. Stewart, R. E. Hopking and E. G. Patterson. After the meeting of the members, the board of managers held a meeting. The object of the meeting is understood to have been for the purpose of general consultation, the election of new members, letting contracts and perfecting arrangements for the vigorous prosecution of the work. It is also rumored that a contract for supplying a portion of the pipe was made some two weeks ago.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—The Episcopal society of this place are strongly in hopes of having a church edifice of their own in which to worship within the next year. A location has been selected on the northwest corner of King and Fulton streets, in what is known as the vacant square No. 60. We are informed that B. D. Hamlin purchases a quarter of the square of the Keating heirs and donates it to the society as a location for a church and rectory. Mr. Hamlin further engages to put in a bell when the church is finished. The Bishop announced at recent service that he would guarantee the erection of the building if the society would secure the ground and aid to the extent of their ability. The society certainly needs a church building, and we hope they will have the pleasure of seeing the foundation commenced early in the coming season.

READING AND RECITATION.—Mrs. Lanra Morgan will give our citizens a specimen of her elocutionary accomplishments some evening next week—probably Wednesday evening. Mrs. Morgan is an experienced elocutionist and will no doubt be able to please and edify her audience. [illegible] appreciate the entertainment and hand [illegible] pages

—Col. C. J. Arms [illegible] Court House next week, to a number on the platform.

—Hugh Glen proposes to act upon our suggestion and start a wood yard. There's millions in it, Hugh.

—Gen. T. L. Kane was a guest at the Bennett House last evening, and made the MINER a welcome call.

—Col Wilcox drove into town Sunday evening from Wilcox. He started for Kendall on Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Quackenbush started for New York on Monday, to spend the Holidays with the relatives of Mr. Q.

—The New York gentlemen who were interested in the last test of the Haskill well are in town. There are rumors that "some dings" will now be done.

—Seth Gifford now carries his left hand tied up in a sheet. It wandered in too close proximity to some of his mill machinery and a portion of one finger "got left."

—When the present Commissioners look at the ruins in the brick partition of the jail made by the would be escaped jail birds they are supposed to congratulate themselves that their term of office is nearly expired.

—D. R. Hamlin, Esq., and family will leave for Washington the last of this month, where they will spend the holidays. Delano wants to see how a Congressman performs when on duty. There's no telling what will happen you.

—H. V. Redfield has entire charge of the Washington Bureau of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, and writes for that paper from one to three columns daily. Yet many people imagine the life of a staff correspondent for a great daily to be one of unlimited leisure.

—Mrs. Andy Rielly, the mother of the murdered Mary Rielly, was subpœnaed as a witness at the trial of Tracy just as she was leaving for Philadelphia to recover by a change of scene and surroundings her health and spirits, which have been greatly shattered by the tragic occurrence. Mrs. Rielly is a lady of intense nervousness and delicate health, and it seems cruel that she should be compelled to go on the witness in this case. It is feared that the excitement would result seriously to her health.

M. A. Lillibridge and C. A. Dolley, Port Allegany; A. J. Mair, Warren, W. H. Bradley and E. S. Morris, Eldred; J. S. Etz, Elmira; Thos. Jennings, J. McNellis, W. P. Book and Geo. A. Sturgeon, Bradford; Ed. Lambert, Kane; B. F. Lewis, Arcade; W. R. Johnson, and E. Smith, Buffalo; H. H. Pike, New York, and H. C. Jackson, Rixford, were among the arrivals at the Wright House since our last report.

C. V. B. Barse, M. B. Fobes, Olean; Dallas B. Whipple; Dallas City; G. S. Post, C. Bartles, Williamsport; John B. Brawley, N. B. Smiley, T. M. Bailey, S. Howard, John Duke, Bradford; C. M. Horton, Buffalo; F. S. Manley, Jamestown; P. B. Page, Erie; E. R. Mayo, D. M. Wright, C. M. Slack, Eldred, were among the arrivals at the Bennett House since our last report.

THE NEW M. E. CHURCH AT ELDRED.—The Methodist society at Eldred are justly proud of their new church building. It is one of the most prominent buildings in the village and attracts universal attention. It is very nearly completed, and we understand will be dedicated with the usual impressive ceremonies on the 22d inst. The seating capacity will be nearly 500, and it will be supplied with a fine bell and chandelier, heating registers and every modern appliance conducive to comfort. The society and village are indebted to Dr. W. L. Chrisman for this fine building, it being as we understand, largely owing to a liberal outlay of his own means and energy that the church was built at all.

A LIVE NEWSPAPER.—A. B. Armstrong is politically a bad man. He is a democrat. But he has a nose for business, nevertheless, and aside from his politics is a very respectable citizen and a square, upright business man. Thus he has accepted the agency of the Buffalo *Express*, a rattling Republican newspaper, and conceded to be one of the brightest and best newspapers published. It is certainly the best newspaper published in Buffalo. It is only eight dollars a year, and reaches Smethport at noon of the day it is printed. Subscribe for it and get the latest news and all of it every day of the year. There is not a line of the paper but that is readable.

AN ELEGANT STORE ROOM.—We have frequently commented upon the fine outward appearance of Sprague's new brick building. The interior of the first floor, which is being fitted up for a hardware store and is nearly completed, is not less attractive than the outside, and when finished and filled with a stock of hardware (and it will take an immense stock to fill it) it will be the finest store in the county. Sprague is justly proud of his building. It not only presents a handsome and imposing appearance, but is substantially built from the foundation to the roof. There's no shoddy about it.

TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.—M. L. Armstrong has an immense stock of the most wonderful toys that ever opened a boy's or girl's eyes and mouth in amazement or filled their hearts with unutterable longings. If you have got a boy or girl, or a dozen of them, and are not a heathen, you will make their little hearts light for many a day by laying in a stock for Christmas home consumption.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.—And M. L. Armstrong is ready for the rush with a larger stock of holiday goods than ever at astonishingly low prices. We have not space to enumerate the thousand and one articles he has for sale—every one worth looking at and having. Call and see for yourself.

JEWELRY BY THE CAR-LOAD.—Gold is now as cheap as greenbacks, and every one can afford to wear jewelry who has a little [illegible] M. L. Armstrong is [illegible] appreciative customers at hard pan prices.

NEW MEAT MARKET.—Mr. Geo. Ogden has rented the [illegible] Chadwick building adjoining Calkins' [illegible] He will keep on hand [illegible] and vegetables in their season. Mr. Ogden is well known in the borough and will no doubt secure a liberal patronage.

P. Y. M.—The Penn Yan Mystery is the startling title of a new illustrated weekly paper to be published by Leon and Harriet Lewis. The reputation of its conductors should insure public favor, and the weekly will undoubtedly be worth many times the subscription price, $2.00 per year. The initial number will appear in a few days, when we will speak further of it.

ADDITIONAL STOCK.—Mr. J. H. Sowers has put into his store within the past few days a selected stock of choice groceries which he will dispose of in connection with his meat market. Everything in the line of meats and fish will be kept as heretofore, and when you go to market you can also lay in necessary groceries at the same time. Give him a call.

A Card.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 5, 1878.

To the Editor of The Miner

This is to certify that I had my furniture and wearing apparel insured in the Bradford Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the same was destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th of November last. I desire to return my thanks to said company for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of my claim for loss.

FLORA SHANT.

DIED.

McCABE.—At Smetport Nov. 16, 1878, after a lingering illness, LIZZIE, youngest daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth McCabe

The deceased was a young lady of excellent character, and a general favorite among her many friends and associates. She bore her sufferings uncomplainingly, and died peacefully after having received the last sacraments of her church. May she rest in peace.

Thou art gone, oh! darling sister,
And our broken hearts remain,
But we'll not weep nor wish thee back
Since our loss has been thy gain.

The time is fast approaching
When we too may be called to go;
May our wills like that of our darling
Be pure as the falling snow.

SUCH IS LIFE.

Many of our readers object to reading advertisements but all are delighted with the wonderful results attained by the use of D. Fenner's Cough Honey. Price 25c. & $1.

LEGAL.

List of Jurors, Dec. T. 1878.

GRAND JURORS.

Annin—Levi Holcomb.
Bradford—J C Cornelius, Wm Sawyer
Ceres—Wm Faigher, Nelson Peabody
Corydon—Wm Portman, C D Seaman
Eldred—W G Weaver
Hamlin—J M Robinson
Hamilton—G A Bliss
Keating—A D Burbank
Liberty—H Barrett, C S Barrett, C H Cole, Henry Baker, J R Moore, J D Otto, M D Thomas.
Norwich—W W Brewer, A L Rife
Smethport—C A Powell, Wm. Ranier
Wetmore—Wm Eyhath, Joseph Green

TRAVERSE JURORS.

[First week, commencing Dec. 16, 1878.]

Annin—Alex. Goodrich, Eli Holcomb, Eugene Cooper, Geo. Helsley, Hiram Harder.
Bradford—Benj. Jewett, R E Whitely, Wm. Burton.
Bradford Boro—A W Damon, C Fulkerson, A H Griffin.
Ceres—A A Cooper, Erastus Gleason
Eldred—Reuben Dennis, Nimrod Lamphear, Alonzo Shaw, D W Burnham, D C Young, McKean Dennis
Hamlin—Joseph Fields
Keating—J L Bean, Jerry Chadwick, John Kent, J H McKean
Liberty—H F Bellows, Frank Coleman, J C Coleman, W C Dawes, E C Dexter, George Hagen, S C Sartwell, George Heath, Nelson Vanskeiken, W A Wright, A F Bard, L H Dolley.
Lafayette—J W Palmer, Wm. Smith, E W Scott, J Manson
Otto—S Chamlin, Wm. Lovejoy
Smethport—Hiram Bush, B C Corwin
Sergeant—W F Butts, Adam Martin
Wetmore—L Cadwell, John Springer.

Traverse Jurors, Dec. Term, 1878.

[Second week, commencing Dec. 23, 1878]

Annin—E H Alvord, S R June, Jas. Knapp, L J Phenix, Gustave Tiffin
Bradford—David DeGolier, W C Freeman, Z W Fisher
Bradford Boro—James Broder
Ceres—Cyrus Cooper, Chauncey Clark, Frank Van Corner, Orson Maxson.
Eldred—Freeman Bennett, Orson Cory, Daniel Childs, Ezra Hakes
Keating—Augustus Day, Eben Gallup, Z D Gifford
Liberty—A C Coleman, J F Cone, W C Hooker, E D Simar
Lafayette—Melvin Marsh, Wm. Talbot, Erastus Turner
Norwich—G D Gallup, C P Rice
Otto—W Long
Smethport—C Hamlin, Lucius Rogers, J P Wendel, Ezek Smith.
Wetmore—Carey Cornelius, Charles Vance.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sales.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 24th day of December, A. D. 1878, at one o'clock p. m.: All that certain railway known as the Bradford and Foster Brook Railway, extending from Main street in the borough of Bradford, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, to Derrick City in Bradford township, State and County aforesaid, together with all depots, shops, buildings, and structures connected therewith. Also all personal property and rights of every kind, all rolling stock and engines and tracks, side tracks, switches and water tanks. Also the franchises of said railway company and all property of whatsoever nature or nature connected with, attached or pertaining to the running of said railway.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of the Bradford and Foster Brook Railway Company at the suit of E. D Coddington and others.

C. S. KING, Sheriff

Sheriff's office, Smethport, Dec. 5, 1878.

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All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Eldred, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the centre of the road north sixty degrees east twenty perches from the stone set in the centre of the four corners, thence north thirty degrees west ten perches; thence north sixty degrees east ten perches; thence south thirty degrees east ten perches to the centre of the road; thence by the said road south thirty degrees west ten perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred square perches, strict measure, more or less, having erected thereon a frame dwelling house about 20x25 feet, with wing, usual out buildings, also having several fruit and shade trees.

ALSO—All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the village of Port Allegany, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post standing in the centre of the road north thirty degrees west two hundred and seventeen feet from the stone set in the centre of the four corners in said village; thence north thirty degrees west twenty-eight feet to a post; thence north sixty degrees east one hundred and fifty-three feet to a post in the west line of the alley; thence by said alley south thirty degrees east twenty-eight feet to a post; thence south sixty degrees west one hundred and fifty-three feet to the place of beginning, containing fifteen and seven-tenths square perches, strict measure, be the same more or less, having erected thereon a commodious frame hotel building, size about 32x40 feet, with large wing attached, formerly known as Mullin House. Both of above parcels are valuable for dwelling and business purposes.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Eugene Mullin at the suit of E. B. Dolley.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Nov. 25, 1878.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate, to wit, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 16th day of December, A. D. 1878, at one o'clock p. m.

All the following described piece of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post corner standing on the bank of Coles creek at the southwest corner of A. N. Taylor's lot No. 98; thence north ninety-seven and nine-tenths perches to a post corner; thence west seventy-one and nine-tenths perches to a corner; thence south eighty-two and eight-tenths perches to the creek; thence down said creek to the place of beginning, containing thirty-nine and four-tenths acres, and being lot No. 275, and part of warrant No. 3460 of the Bingham lands in Keating township, about four acres improved, and having thereon one 1½ story house with shed attached, one barn, and one log house, and being well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. Swartwood, Jr., and M. Swartwood at the suit of J. F. Cross.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Nov. 20, 1878.

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Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of David L. Tracy, John J. Fisher and John S. Rich at the suit of Peter T. Kennedy and Pauline L. Crocker.

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Imagination.

The lunatic, the lover, and the poet
Are of imagination all compact:
One sees more devils than vast hell can hold—
That is, the madman: the lover, all as frantic,
Sees Helen's beauty in a brow of Egypt:
The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation and a name.

—Shakespeare.

Legend of the Long Ago.

Long, long ago, says a Yosemite correspondent of the Pittsburg Telegraph, when the white man's foot had never desecrated the Indian's beautiful valley, when the Yosemites dwelt here in perfect peace and security, there lived among that tribe an exceedingly lovely maiden. She was beloved by every one who looked on her for the beauty of her form and face, and the sweetness of her manner all the young warriors strove for her favor, but she remained "in maiden meditation fancy free." At length the Spirit of the Night Wind, charmed by her beauty, wooed her for his own. He sang softly about the tent at night, and watched lovingly over her, but in day time he was powerless to speak; but the maiden was resolute against his suit, and when he found himself feared where he would have been loved, his love turned to hate, and when one moonlit night the maid walked with a noble young warrior whom she was learning to love dearly, the Spirit of the Night Wind seized her suddenly away from his side, and carrying her to the top of the high rock over which Pohono pours its silver stream, he cast her from him, and she was never heard of more; but the maid's pure spirit must attract the beauties of nature to her, for rainbows hover about the foot of the fall, and the soft, sweet Spirit of the Day's Wind plays gently with the stream, swaying it from side to side, and sometimes throwing it so far that it descends to the rocks below in one shower of silver and golden drops falling through rainbows. So runs the legend. The Indians have called the fall Pohono, or Spirit of the Evil Wind, and never will one of them venture anywhere near it when night has come.

Sunday in England.

One of the jolliest sights to be seen on Sunday, is a wagon with the family, bound for a day in the country. There is the husband, the wife, the baby—and quite often two babies—and from three to a dozen children of all ages, sizes, and sexes, packed in like herring, and all aglow with excitement and anticipation. Under the seat is a basket, plethoric with sandwiches, cold chicken, bottles of beer, and a flask of choice old brandy.

Away they go, rattling cheerily over the London pavements. A proud man is *paterfamilias* as he draws the reins over his powerful nag and dextrously touches him up occasionally with a flick from a whip, long and imposing enough for a six-in-hand turn-out. A proud mother is *materfamilias* as she admires the horsemanship of her husband, as she adjusts the multifarious white wrappings of the chubby, blue-eyed, flaxen-haired baby. Proud are the older children as they exercise a commanding oversight of the younger ones, whose hats are ever getting loose or awry, who are ever on the eve of being jolted into the street, who are twisting and changing to see this, or hear that, and who are ever a cause of profound anxiety to the matronly miss of twelve, or the lordly boy of sixteen.

Away out into the country they go at a slapping pace. They select the quietest roads and travel along at a famous rate, between trim green hedges, skirting fields of barley, coming suddenly to brows of hills where a vast panorama unfolds itself of fields yellow with ripened grain, green groves glinting with sunlight, and a maze of slumbering shade more favorable to jury trials than it was as a practitioner. And I am bound to say that an intelligent and unprejudiced jury, when such can be obtained, who the instructed in the law with such clearness, precision and brevity as will predispose their duty in hold relief, are rarely Mistaken in regard to facts which they be called upon to find.

R. N. & Pa. R. R. Bonds.

The town of Birdsall had a special town meeting on Nov. 23d, and by unanimous vote decided not to pay any more interest on the "pretended" bonds of that town issued in aid of the Rochester, Nunda and Pa. Railroad, but to contest the same. They raised $500 for that purpose, and employed Hon. Hamilton Ward as their attorney. Paul C. Doud, a lawyer, has shrouded the great city, they are at home, and demonstrative in their belief that it has been the jolliest day they ever saw in all their lives.

The Dancer's Cramp.

The decline of the ballet is an unquestionable fact, the causes of which we cannot pretend to fathom. Judging, however, from some revelations made by Dr. Schulz, an Austrian physician, we should be inclined to attribute it to the circumstance that the greater the attainments of a danseuse the more irksome becomes a certain liability attending the profession. This drawback consists of a peculiar cramp to which all other cramps are a joke. It begins in the soles of both feet, increasing in intensity till the whole body is implicated in the contraction, and palpitation of the heart is produced, ending in insensibility. Dr. Schulz, having discovered that this malady—or, at any rate, the extreme form of it—occurred only in the case of the best dancers, those entrusted with the performance of the pas seul, hunted it through all the most complicated movements known to the profession, and at last found sufficient cause for its appearance in that beautiful step, now so rarely seen, to execute which the dancer poises herself on the extreme point of her *chaussure*. This step, says Dr. Schulz—telling tales out of school—cannot indeed be produced without the help of shoes expressly made for the purpose, strengthened at the tip, and furnished with a support running up to the inner side of the toe, on which the whole weight of the body rests. The doctor adds that he was able by the employment of electricity to overcome the more serious results of the "dancer's cramp," but could devise no means of removing the muscular pains which render what looks like fairy posture some of the hardest and most harassing work to which the human frame is subjected.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

ALL SORTS.

Spriggins says that he once prevented a severe case of hydrophobia by getting on a high fence and waiting till the dog had gone away.

A man's real value is not only what he is worth to the generation in which he lives, but what he is worth to the generations that follow him.

Charles Young, a son of the late prophet, has graduated from the Law Department of Michigan University, and will practice in Pinckney, Mich.

To remove finger marks from looking-glasses put a few drops of ammonia on a moist rag, and it will make short work of removing all grease, fly specks or other dirt.

Quinine is now so high in price in Europe that doctors are using instead the liquid solution of strychnine, and find it nearly as efficacious and much cheaper.

Last year a Chicago dealer failed, among his assets being $600 worth of ice. The marshal kept watch over the estate till it melted away, and then brought in a bill for $674 for doing so.

Boston milkmen who are paying farmers twenty-five cents for nine quarts of milk, and retailing the same for seventy-two cents ought to feel that one branch of dairying pays well.

It was a Vassar girl who, when a sailor of forty years' voyagings had been pointed out to her as an "old salt," subsequently alluded to him as an "ancient chloride of sodium."

It has been proved in Nevada and other silver-producing States of the West that capital devoted to agriculture pays better and more regularly than if put into gold and silver mines.

Earl Russell celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on the 18th of August.—It is sixty-four years since he first entered Parliament as member for Tavistock, and thirty-one since he first became Prime Minister of England.

"Have you any boned turkey?" asked a hungry customer in a Nevada restaurant. The proprietor laid his hand on his revolver, and cried: "No insinerations here, young man. We're honest here, and don't 'bone' nothin'."

Indiana has 3,986 miles of railroad and 553 of side track, the total assessed value of which is over $39,500,000.—There are only six counties in the State that have no railroads passing through them.

He ran somewhat hastily into a cigar store and said pompously, "Give me one of your best Matilda cigars." "I guess you mean a Marguerita," said the clerk. "Oh yes," he said, "I was thinking of another girl."

The San Francisco mint is the most productive institution of the kind in the world. Its coinage amounted last year to $42,704,500 more than the aggregate production of the three largest mints in Great Britain.

It does look a little odd that the ladies will put three or four extra yards of calico in their dress skirts for the sole purpose, so far as any one has yet been able to ascertain, of giving themselves the trouble to hold that much out of the dust when they walk.

Children must have love inside the house and fresh air, and good play and some good companionship outside—otherwise young life runs the greatest danger in the world of withering or growing stunted, or at best, prematurely old and turned inward on itself.

The sweetest wives are those who possess the magic secret of being contented under any circumstances. Rich or poor, high or low, it makes no difference; the bright little fountain of joy bubbles up just as musically in their hearts.

A scotch minister, meeting one of his parishioners, asked her if she was pleased with the sermon that he had preached the previous day. On receiving a reply in the affirmative, he inquired if she understood it all. "Eh, mon," exclaimed the lady, "would I hae the presomption?"

Did you say I was the biggest liar he ever saw?" fiercely asked a ruffianly looking man of the lawyer who was cross-examining him. "Yes, I did," said the lawyer, nervously. "Well, all I've got to say," returned the other, with suppressed passion, "is that you never saw my brother Jim."

The celebrated tower of London is a structure of ancient origin. It is said to owe its foundation to Julius Cæsar; but there does not appear to be very conclusive evidence of the truth of this assertion. No more celebrated citadel is to be found in Europe, and it is the back fortress of the great English metropolis.

A party were enjoying the evening breeze on board a yacht. "The wind has made my moustache taste quite salt," remarked a young man who had been for some time occupied in biting the hair that fell over his upper lip. "I know it," innocently said a pretty girl. And she wondered why all her friends laughed. "People are so childish," she remarked.

A sagacious observer says the perception of a woman is as quick as lightning. Her penetration is intuition—almost instinct. By a glance she will draw a deep and just conclusion. Ask her how she found it, and she cannot answer the question. While she trusts her instinct she is scarcely ever deceived; but she is generally lost when she begins to reason.

Good cooks seem to be the scarcest artistes of the period. About a year ago, the guardians of the poor in a great London parish determined to teach cooking to the girls in their training schools, and offered $150 a year (very good wages in England for a good plain cook,) with board and lodging for a cook teacher. There was not a single reply to their advertisement.

A gentleman gave a party in honor of a distinguished missionary lately returned from his field of work. The ladies appeared with very decollete dresses, and as the host feared the style might shock his reverence, he apologised to him for it, saying that fashion demanded it. "Oh, I don't mind it at all," replied the missionary; "I have been ten years among the savages."

Disraeli's epigrammatic remark in Lothair, "you know who the critics are—the men who have failed in literature and art," may have been an unconscious plagiarism from Landor's Imaginary Conversations. In the dialogue between Southy and Porson the latter says, "Those who have failed as painters become picture-cleaners; those who have failed as writers turn reviewers."

The Orientals are very trusting to each other. "Are you not afraid to go away from your shop without locking it?" a traveler asked of an Egyptian.—"Oh, no," answered the man coolly, "there is not a Christian within three miles."

A live dolphin has just been added to the New York Aquarium, over seven feet long and weighing 500 pounds, which creates considerable amusement as it pursues and captures the small fishes placed in the tank for it to feed upon.

A pot of growing wheat, from seeds left at Polaris Bay 81 degrees 38 N. from 1872 to 1870, was recently exhibited before the Linnæan Society. A grain of maize left at the same place, also sprouted. Cold seems not to have had any effect upon the germinating powers of the seed.

With a clear sky, a bright sun, and a gentle breeze, you can have friends in plenty; but let fortune frown and the firmament be overcast, and then your friends will prove like the strings of a lute of which you will tighten before you will find one that will bear the stretch and keep the pitch.

The colored American sage is emitting profound wisdom. "Now, Mister White," says one of them, "look me in de eye while I tole you dat de proper way is to keep your eyes rollin' round de business horizon. Ef you owes a firm, an' dat firm am shaky, doan you pay dat debt, but jest wait till day fail."

In a court-room a lawyer to his client: "I am sorry, poor fellow; "but, notwithstanding my eloquence, you have been sentenced to prison for three months." "Oh, don't let that worry you," was the answer; "I am not sorry. In the neighborhood where I live they will think I have gone to the country, and that will give me a social status."

Despite competitive examination, everything in the civil service does not go quite smoothly as yet. A young gentleman had to be mildly reproved for the irregularity of his attendance.—His celtic blood was inflamed, and turning upon his rebukers, he angrily told them, "Sure if it wasn't for the thrifle of salary ye give, the divil a bit o' me would come here at all!"

The great tobacco factory at Seville Spain, where cigars, cigarettes and snuff are made, is a government establishment. It is a two-story and attractive-looking building. The top floor is devoted to the manufacture of cigars, and 3,000 women are found at work here daily, while at the tables on the lower floor, where cigarettes only are made, there are 2,500 more women, mostly gypsies. There is a room where the youngest or feeble babies of the women are taken care of during working hours, although the majority have their children close by them, either in cradles, lying on mattresses, or strapped in chairs. The most noticeable feature of these women is their hair, which is most elaborately dressed and, excepting the old ones, decorated with red or white flowers.

A certainty of improving stock can only be secured by slaughtering, selling or castrating all scrub and half-bred males. Many a man is tempted by the beauty of a half-bred bull calf, young ram or boar, to keep him to perpetuate his good qualities, but there is no hope of his doing this even with tolerable certainty. The mongrel blood will constantly show itself in the most exasperating manner, and the only assurance of certain improvement in the breed of any race of animals, lies in the use of males with clean, recorded pedigrees. There must be a positive knowledge that, for generations, no impure blood has crept into the veins of their ancestors. This once ascertained, seek in the object of your choice, the most perfect development of every valuable quality; but without this, the finest type of outward appearance may be a delusion and a snare.

Mistakes in managing horses, even when of an apparently trivial nature, are often the cause of much needless suffering and permanent injury. Of these, a few that are common just about this time are: bathing the feet of horses to cool them off when heated by hard work; watering them immediately after meals when about to start on a journey, instead of waiting a while or letting them drink before feeding; giving them, through mistaken kindness, an extra feed before driving them at a rapid pace, and so forcing them to travel on an overloaded stomach: starting to fair or market at a swinging trot, while the animals are fresh and full of feed, instead of letting them settle slowly down to their work; and cruelly omitting to cover them when heated after a rapid drive, and so exposing them to much suffering while the reckless driver is enjoying himself.

A good word for the mule is scarcely needed to those who know his sterling worth; for in spite of his frequent readiness of heel and occasional stiffness of neck, his excellent qualities are so undeniable, that it would be well if his sturdy presence were more frequent on Northern farms. He is much more easily and cheaply reared than his cousin, the horse; eats but little more than half as much when full grown; thrives well on coarser and less expensive provender; costs less to keep in harness and shoes; is proportionately stronger, and very much tougher; is less liable to disease and considerable shrewder; is better adapted to mountain travel, to all kinds of drudgery and to every climate; is a truer puller and, when loaded, a quicker; traveler; lives more than twice as long, and sells for a higher price; and finally inspires more wisdom in those who handle him, and affords far more amusement to the willings of the family and neighborhood.

A curious case as to the rights of the finder of lost property, whose owner is unknown, is reported from Rhode Island. The plaintiff bought an old safe and offered to sell it to the defendant. The defendant would not buy it, but agreed to take it and sell it if he could, using it himself in the mean time. While it was thus in his possession, he found a roll of bank bills inside the lining. No one knew to whom they belonged. The defendant therefore concluded to keep them. The plaintiff, upon learning of the discovery of the money, demanded the return of the safe just as it was when delivered. The defendant returned it, but without the bank bills; whereupon the plaintiff sued for their value as money found. The Supreme Court held that the finder was entitled to retain the property as against the party who put the safe into his hands for sale; and the authorities generally maintain the right of the finder, in this class of cases, as against all persons except the real owner.

A young woman, ambitious of winning distinction on "the boards," recently wrote to a theatrical agent as follows: "I see you have a great many young peoples for the stage. I am very anxious to be a hactor I has never hacted before. Oblege me with early answer convenance." A second candidate wrote: "I rite in ancer to your avertisment; you ar in want of sum Young Gerls for the stage. I am hopen to your ingagment. Compliction fare age 23 hith 5 feet 5." Another young woman, in writing, remarked, "I want to do the regular business—but it must have nothing to do with bailey."

The postal service established in Japan five years ago has had an astonishing growth, and there are now 3,591 postoffices, and over 39,900 miles mail route. Last year 30,200,000 articles were sent through the mails, including 10,400,000 letters, only 388 of which were lost or stolen. This correspondence is almost entirely domestic, for only 183,000 articles were sent abroad, and but 60,300 letters received from abroad.—The whole expense of the department was but $713,250, which is, however, $61,550 less than the receipts, a showing so much better than any previous year that the service is counted on to be soon self-supporting.

The advantage of kindness to cows is well illustrated by the following anecdote; A man had a fine cow that, week after week, was milked alternately by a couple of hired men. He observed that the amount of butter he carried to market weighed about a pound more each alternate week. He watched the men and tried the cow after they had finished milking; but always found that no milk had been left in the teats. Finally he asked the Scotch girl who took care of the milk, if she could account for the difference. "Why, yes," says she. "When Jim milks, he says to the old cow: 'So! my pretty muley; so!' But when Sam milks, he hits her on the hip with the edge of the pail, and says 'H'ist, you old brute!'"

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Time table went into effect Monday, July 15, 1878, at 8.2c. o'clock a.m.

SOUTHWARD.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	LOCAL.	ACCOM.
Larrabee. L've..	11.35 a.m	4:30 a.m	.....
Priabee.....	11.40	5.35 "	.....
Cory's.....	11.42 "	5.40 "	.....
Farmers Valley..	11.51	5.50 "	.....
Smethport.....	12.10	6.0 A	.....
Crosby.....	12.15 "	6.20 "	.....
Colegrove.....	12.18....	6.25 "	.....
Hamlin.....	12.22 "	6.30 "	.....
Wernwag.....	12.46 "	6.50 "	.....
Clermont Arr..	1.00	7.05	.....

NORTHWARD.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	LOCAL.	ACCOM
Clermont. L've...	....	7.25 a.m	.....
Wernwag.....	....	7.39 "	.....
Hamlin.....	....	7.55 "	.....
Colegrove.....	....	8.00 "	.....
Crosby.....	"	8.04 "	.....
Smethport.....	....	8.20	.....
Farmers Valley..	....	8.42	.....
Cory's.....	"	8.51 "	.....
Priabee.....	2.5	8.05 "	.....
Larrabee. Arr...	0	9.05....	.....

Trains will not stop at stations marked with a star (*). Trains will stop at stations marked thus (†) when flagged.

S. V. GODDEN, Superintendent

KENDALL & ELDRED R. R.

Time table adopted Aug. 15, 1878.

EASTWARD.

Stations.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	a.m
Eldred, Arr.....	2 10	6 55	2 40	9 03
Windfall.....	1 55	6 42	2 29	8 53
Prentice Vale.....	1 45	6 34	2 19	8 43
Duke Centre.....	1 34	6 25	2 11	8 33
Rixford.....	1 18	6 20	2 02	8 20
Summit City.....	12 48	4 53	1 40	8 03
Little Boyd....	12 30	4 43	1 30	7 52
Dallas City.....	12 22	4 36	1 25	7 47
Sawyer City.....	12 03	4 23	1 13	7 35
Lafferty.....	11 53	4 16	1 05	7 28
Tarport.....	11 40	4 08	12 54	7 21
Bradford. Lv....	11 25	4 00	12 45	7 15

WESTWARD.

Stations.	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	a.m
Bradford. Arr...	8 47	1 33	5 10	10 15
Tarport.....	8 42	1 27	5 05	10 02
Lafferty.....	8 36	1 20*	4 55	9 50
Sawyer City.....	8 30	1 13	4 49	9 41
Dallas City.....	8 18	1 01	4 39	9 22
Little Boyd.....	8 15	12 56	4 31	9 15
Summit City.....	8 05	12 46	4 21	9 00
Rixford.....	7 51	12 19	3 55	8 30
Duke Centre.....	7 30	11 54	3 29	8 12
Prentice Vale....	7 20	12 05	3 42	8 00
Windfall.....	7 14	11-58	3 33	7 45
Eldred. Lv.....	7 00	11 01	3 25	7 35

J. D. YEOMANS, Gen'l Supt.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK & PHILA. R'Y.

March 5, 1878.

TRAINS RUN ON BUFFALO TIME.

NO TRAINS ON SUNDAY.

SOUTHWARD.

Leave Buffalo 7:45 a. m.—Mail.—Arriving at Ebenezer, 8.02; Springbrook, 8.21; Elma, 8.18; Jamison's, 8.23; Aurora, 8.37; Wales, 8.45; Holland, 8.53; Protection, 9.02; Arcade, 9.15; Yorkshire, 9.22; Machias, 9.30; Franklinville, 9.45; Iachua, 9.52; Hinsdale, 10.11; Erie R'y Junct., 10.25, Olean, 10.30; Weston's, 10.36; Portville, 10.45; State Line, 10.53; Kinsbred, 11.06; Larrabees, 11.16; Sartwell, 11.22; Turtle Point, 11.27; Fort Allegany, 11.40; Liberty, 11.48; Keating, 12.03; Shippen, 12.22; P. M. Emporium, 12.35; connecting at Olean with Erie Railway East and West; and with Olean, Bradford & Warren R. R. for the New Oil Territory, arriving at Bradford at 1.15 p.m., at Larrabees with McKean & Buffalo R. R.; at Emporium with Philadelphia & Erie R. R.

Leave Buffalo 4:35 p. m.—Port Allegany Express.—Arriving at Ebenezer, 4.42; Springbrook, 5.02; Elma, 5.08; Jamison's, 5.13; Aurora, 5.22; Wales, 5.32; Holland, 5.46; Protection, 5.55; Arcade, 6.09; Yorkshire, 6.17; Machias, 6.30; Franklinville, 6.42; Iachua, 7.00; Hinsdale, 7.14; Erie R'y Junct 7.37; Olean, 7.50; Westons, 7.60; Portville, 7.57; State Line, 8.05; Kinsbred, 8.18; Larrabees, 8.30; Sartwell, 8.37; Turtle Point, 8.33; Fort Allegany, 8.45 p. m. connecting at Olean with Olean, Bradford & Warren R. R. arriving in Bradford at 9.25 p.m.

NORTHWARD.

Leave Port Allegany 6:00 a. m.—Express.—Arriving at Turtle Point 5.49; Sartwell, 5.54; Larrabees, 6.25 Kinbred, 7.12; State Line, 7.35; Portville, 7.34; Weston's, 7.42; Olean, 7.56; Erie R'y Junct. 8.04; Hinsdale, 8.18; Iachua, 8.31; Franklinville, 8.46; Machias, 8.56; Yorkshire, 9.10; Arcade, 9.25; Protection, 9.37; Holland, 9.47; Wales, 9.56; Aurora, 10.10; Buffalo, 10.50 a. m. The Olean, Bradford & Warren train leaving Bradford at 8.00 a. m. makes direct connection at Olean with this train.

Leave Emporium 1:25 p. m.—Mail.—Arriving at Shippen, 1.41; Keating, 1.59; Liberty, 2.07; Fort Allegany, 2.25; Turtle Point, 2.32; Sartwell, 2.43; Larrabees, 2.55; Kinbred, 3.00; state Line, 3.12; Portville, 3.20 Weston's, 3.28; Olean, 3.36; Erie R'y Junct., 3.44; Hinsdale, 3.59; Iachua, 4.10; Franklinville, 4.27; Machias, 4.43; Yorkshire, 4.57; Arcade, 5.06; Protection, 5.13; Holland, 5.22; Wales, 5.35; Aurora, 5.48; Jamison, 5.55; Elma, 5.57; Springbrook, 6.01; Ebenezer, 6.13; Buffalo, 6.30 p.m. P. & E. R. R. trains from the East and South makes direct connection at Emporium with the above trains, as do also the McKean & Buffalo R.R. trains at Larrabees, the Erie Railway trains from the East and West at Olean, Bradford & Warren train leaving Bradford at 1.00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, May 26th 1878, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia.....11.55 p. m
" " " Warren.....4.45 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....5.00 p. m
" " " Corry.....5.00 p. m
" " arr. at Erie.....7.35 p. m

ERIE ACCOM leaves Kane.....6.20 a. m
" " " warren.....7.45 a. m
" " " Irvineton.....8.00 a. m
" " " Corry.....9.10 a. m
" " arr. at Erie.....10.35 a. m

EASTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves Erie.....11.30 a. m
" " " Corry.....1.10 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....2.03 p. m
" " " Warren.....2.20 p. m
" " arr. at Philadelphia.....7.40 a. m

KANE ACCOM. leaves Erie.....4.10 p. m
" " " Corry.....6.00 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....7.25 p. m
" " " Warren.....7.20 p. m
" " arr. at Kane.....9.00 p. m

Mail East connects east and west at Erie with L. S. & M. S. R. W., and at Corry with P. T. & R. R. W.

Mail West with east and west trains on L. S. & M. S. R. W., and at Corry with O. C. & A. & G. W. Railway.

Erie and Kane Accommodation with trains on L. S. & M. S. R. W. east and west, and at Corry with P. T. & R. R. W.

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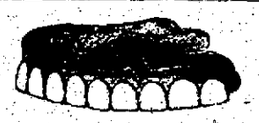

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Brushes,
Buckets,
Ball Rings,
Butts of all kinds,
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Cattle Leaders,
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Crayons,
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Clothes Lines,
Clothes Wringers,
Coal Hods,
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Crowbars,
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Dippers,
Dividers,
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Faucets,
Fellee Plates,
Files,
Fluting Machines,
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Spades,
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Squares,
Stoves,
Tacks,
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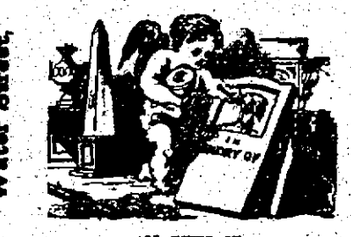

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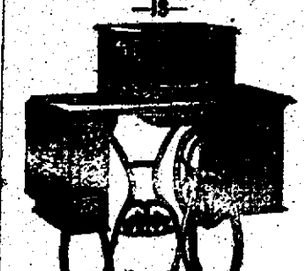

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